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Epiphany of the Lord

Jan. 2, 2022



News From St. Joseph Parish



WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

We hope your visit here will be a prayerful time as you enjoy the lakes region. Please consider St. Joseph's as your church away from home. Contact us at the Parish Office if we may serve you in any way.

We are committed to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ and invite you to join us! May the Holy Spirit lead us in living as a welcoming Catholic community.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.- Thurs.: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fri.: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

RECONCILIATION:

3:15 pm Sat;

8:15 am Sun

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday 12 noon

MASS SCHEDULE:

Winter

Saturday at 4 p.m.

Sunday at 9 a.m.

Summer

Saturday at 4 p.m.

Sunday at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Are you new to the community? Would you like to join St. Joseph Parish? Just fill out the coupon below and return to the office or in the collection basket.

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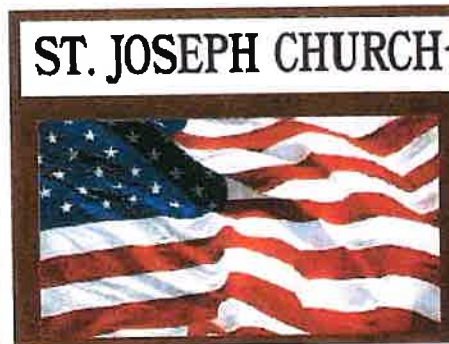
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"Let There Be Light" Sign Fundraiser Begins!

Many have noticed that the sign out in front of the church is not working. After investigation, it has been determined that we need to replace the sign. At their December meeting, Finance Council members approved the purchase of a sign similar to the one shown below. Cost is nearly \$30,000 with tax for the 63.5 by 85 inch full color sign. To assist in the payment of the sign, a fundraiser has been started. To date: \$2,200 has been raised. Please mark on your check that it is for the sign project. Thanks in advance for any help you can give. It takes about 8 weeks for the new sign to arrive. We will keep you posted on our fundraising progress.



RESERVATIONS for Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible study registration are still being taken. Registration forms are posted at at St. Mary's and St. Joseph and can be mailed to the address on the form. Call Deb Bode for more information.

NEW 2022 CALENDARS are here. Take time to pick one up before you leave church today. Thanks to the St. Joseph Altar/Rosary Society for contributing the calendars. You will be rewarded for your generosity.



Monday, Jan. 3

Parish Offices Closed

8 p.m.: Ala-non meets by zoom.

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 4

Parish Offices reopen at 8 a.m.

2 to 5:15 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Wednesday, Jan. 5

8:15 a.m.: Social Justice Committee meets in Zoom Room

3:45 p.m.: Rel. Ed for K-4

7-8 p.m.: Rel Ed for grades 5-12

8 p.m.: High School youth group meets at St. Joseph

Thursday, Jan. 6

8 a.m.: Bible Study in overflow room.

Friday, Jan. 7

AM: First Friday communion calls by Deacon Darwin.

Saturday, Jan. 8

10 a.m.: 2nd Grade 1st Reconciliation

THANK YOU!

Thanks so much for hosting a blood drive with us! A blood drive right ahead of the holidays is always something that isn't taken for granted by us and all of our hospital partners! With that being said, below are your results: 25 procedures with 30 units collected.

Men's WELCOME Retreat March 12-13 @ St. Joseph, Milford. What is WELCOME? It's an experience that helps men discover what's missing in their lives and what to do about it. WELCOME puts a faith-filled framework around questions and struggles all men have.

News From St. Joseph Parish

Faith Formation

By Sharon Mayer

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope this year is a major improvement over the last two with COVID still making its presence known. Again, a challenge for the scientific world and will not be the last. We wish them every good thing to improve our lives.

We begin this year with Epiphany Sunday. Quite simply the time when Jesus' name and birth was made known throughout the land. Due in part to those wonderful shepherds and the Magi whom this time is really about. It is surmised that they didn't actually reach the Christ Child at His birth but some time later. They were, I'm sure, thrilled to be able to fulfil their journey's goal. We do not know either if there were three or more or less. They are assigned names, however, and from that we have the Catholic tradition of blessing our homes at the beginning of each year.

As we begin our new religious education year on Jan. 5, we will take that tradition to our classrooms and bless the doorways of each one. This tradition can be done by using chalk and putting the start of the year 20 + the initials of the three wise men, C+M+B+ 22. A prayer goes along: "Bless O Lord this home so that in it there may be health, chastity, strength, humility, goodness and mildness, obedience to God's laws and Acts of thanks to the Father Son and Holy Spirit. May this blessing remain upon this house and all who dwell in it. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."



Blessed
assurance,
Jesus is mine



PRAY for these members: Tutti Willison, Andrew Gross, James Higgins, Mary Mittag, Jerry Finch, Dirk Hansen, June Reiman, Ann Stein, Nancy Crepeau, Mary Langel, Geneva Knudtson, Rick DeMuth, Linda Higgins, Mary Ann Sigler, Dennis and Alma Klute, Jerry Clark, Robert Rowland, Bill James, Marie Van Hofwegen, Ethel Wilson, Steve Painter, Ginny Yore, LaDonna Jansen, Dale Langel, Finley Brunsvold, Dee Bryant, Phyllis Hintz, Terry Abbas.

PLEASE pray for these special persons: Rich Oliphant, Roy Townsend, Virginia Bensman, Craig Tingwald, Cooper Hatfield, Corey Langner, Claire Yaw, Cheryl Kallis, Sammy Schumann, Ellie Wiemers, Mary Gerdes Smith, Mary W., Mary Bolan, Dick Vogel, Charles Graves, Zoe Lorenzen, Heather Hamann, Esther Morris, Harvey Baxter, Jr., Wayne Bellinghausen, Maxine Thompson, Lois Doran, Dale Gentry, Susan Barnes, Mike Cooper, Denny Daberkow, Louise DeWitt, Ray Langel, Kristin Meyer, Kevin Wittrock, Charlotte Tiesler, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Jan Wolf, Peggy Price, Joan Mertz, John Bruening, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 1

9 a: For the People

4 p: +Merlin Wuebker

Sunday, Jan. 2

9 a: +Doris Desmarais

Monday, Jan. 3

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Jan. 4

5:30 p: +Merlin Wuebker

Wednesday, Jan. 5

7:30 a: Dec/Liv Halbur/Johnson

Thursday, Jan. 6

7:30 a: +Mary Negus

Friday, Jan. 7

7:30 a: Special Intention (JLW)

Saturday, Jan. 8

4 p: For The People

Sunday, Jan. 9

9 a: +Frances Connors

+Alberta Nolan

Ministry Schedule

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 8th @ 4 p.m.

EMHC: Faith Garcia, Alma Klute, Jeff Knudtson

LECTOR: Molly Mulqueen

SERVERS: Brian Jones, Dylan Jones

HOSPITALITY: Anne Donovan, Loretta Halbur, Connie Mataloni, Dick Mataloni

Sunday, January 9th @ 9 a.m.

EMHC: Denise Cole, Steve Eral, Pete Laven

LECTOR: Sara Laven

SERVERS: Noah Walleck, Simon Walleck

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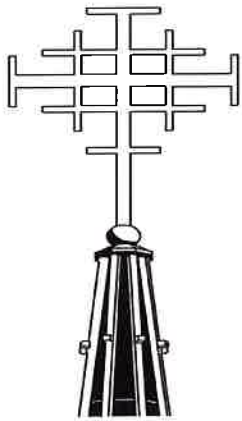
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News From St. Mary's Parish

Christmas Pageant Redux

Back on December 15th, our Christmas pageant was unfortunately postponed due to weather conditions. We rescheduled and are excited to invite you then to join us on January 5th for our rendition of the Christmas story portrayed by our PK-4th grade religious education students! The event will begin at 5:45p.m. and will last approximately 30 minutes. Afterwards, there will be light snacks and drinks available.

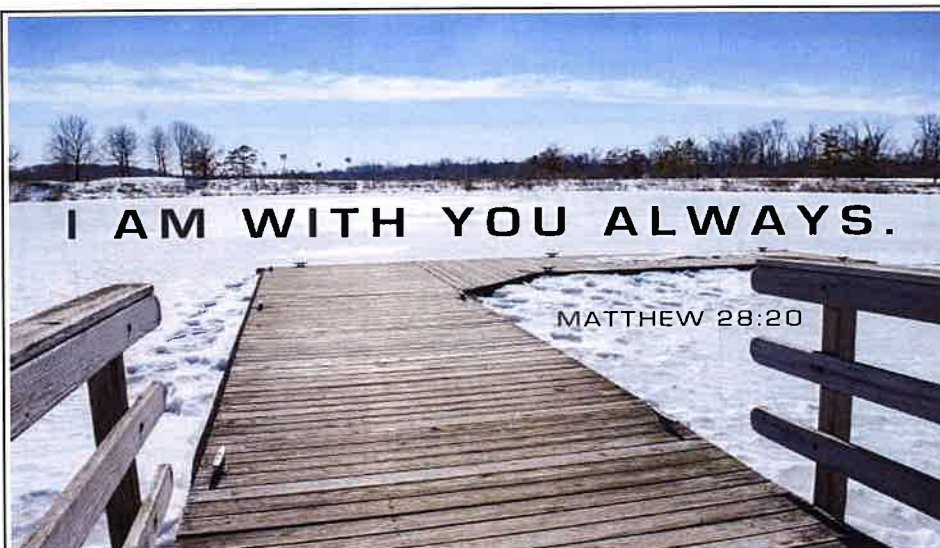
Religious Education Starts Up Again

As we stroll into 2022, everything begins again including religious education classes! January 5th will be our first class of the year. The PK-4th grade students will be performing their Christmas pageant on this day. PK-4th grade students should arrive at 5:15 as per usual to get into costume. The pageant will begin at 5:45. The 5th-12th grade students will have class as normal. We look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces back in action!

Steubenville Informational Meeting

All currently registered students and their parents and guardians along with all those interested in learning more about the Steubenville of the Rockies trip are invited to an informational meeting on Wednesday, January 12th at 6:30 p.m. in classroom #1. We will talk about the trip details and fundraising ideas at this meeting as well as answer any questions folks may have. Registrations are still being accepted. Call the office or Mary Brandt at 260-8065 if you have any questions.

SPECIAL REPORT



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Fri.: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

Reconciliation:

4:45 pm Sat;

9:45 am Sun

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday 12 noon

Mass Schedule:

Winter

Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

News From St. Mary's Parish

Take Some Time For Christ

Our youth are busy. Too busy sometimes. They are so busy that their faith life takes a back seat to all the other things such as sports, work, school, and music. Give your son or daughter the chance to put God at the center of everything-encourage them to go to Steubenville this summer. It may mean a few days away from all the other things, but in the big picture of life, God is everything. There are many spots open for our trip to Denver. Sign up by completing a registration form. They are located on the south kiosk in the narthex of the church.

Found

A man's wedding band was found in church last Saturday. You can contact Donna in the parish office if you are missing your ring.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's is on Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. If you would like to come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. You can sign up to cover every week or once a month, a full hour or 30 minutes, whatever works with your schedule. What a beautiful way to exalt the greatness of God and acknowledge our dependence on Him in all things.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

All Confidential Prayer Chain requests may be directed to Jean Mohr, our Prayer Chain Coordinator at 712-336-2559 or 712-320-5433. Prayer intentions may be entered in the prayer Request book, which can be found in the narthex of the church.



Catholic Media on FORMED

In the midst of this joyous season, we would again like to encourage all to explore the great resources available on the FORMED website. There are high quality movies, inspirational reflections, and fun shows for kids! All of this through the lens of a faithful Catholic viewpoint. Since December 1st, 2021, those in our community that are already signed up have watched close to 700 videos with over 12,000 minutes of watch time! If you are interested in taking advantage of our subscription, you can head to FORMED.org and search for Dickinson County Catholic Community. You can also find the link available on our website. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan. 3

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Jan. 4

5:30 p.m.: +Edwin & +Mary Catherine Duffy Families

Wednesday, Jan. 5

12 noon.: +Cliff Garvey

Thursday, Jan. 6

5:30 p.m.: +Buck and +Joan DeWitt

Friday, Jan. 7

5:30 p.m.: +Elizabeth Giefer

Saturday, Jan. 8

5:30 p.m.: +Mike Hawn

Sunday, Jan. 9

10:30 a.m.: +Art Berg

Living/Deceased of St. Mary's

Ministry Schedule

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, Jan. 8 @ 5:30 p.m.

EMHC: Jean Mohr, Marilyn Fleming, Sharon Johnson

LECTOR: Scott Trautman

SERVERS: Carter Trautman

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Jim Carney, Mark Ingwersen, Kim Ingwersen, Jim Bunt

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Sunday, Jan. 9 @ 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Susan Lynn, Shawna Ditsworth, Michella Koppen

LECTOR: Jim Staver

SERVERS: Mackenzie Bennett, Marie Mueting

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NEWS & Notes

Following is general information that may be helpful to you.

- ✓ **BAPTISMS:** Contact the office to inquire about pre-baptismal class.
- ✓ **MARRIAGE:** Contact the office at least six months before the date of the wedding.
- ✓ **CONFESSIONS:** Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., Saturday at 4:45 p.m. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
- ✓ **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday from 2 to 5:15 p.m.

Pastor's COLUMN

Happy New Year!

On behalf of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Staffs, Fr. Tom Flanagan, Deacon Darwin and myself, we wish you a Happy New Year filled with many blessings.

Synod Survey Questions

During the month of December and into early January we are participating in the world-side Synod that Pope Francis has convened to listen to Catholics throughout the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to express your experience of various aspects of Church life. Everyone's voice is important and valuable. We will be holding our hearing sessions on line and we ask that each of you consider completing at least some of the 10 questions that our Holy Father



has posed for Catholics throughout the world.

Please take a few moments to visit one of our websites: stjosephmilford.org or stmarysspiritlake.org. You will find the questions there. We will gather all of the responses together and submit them to our deanery meeting on January 13th in Algona. Please take a few minutes and express your experience.



The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Dec. 25-26, 2021

Attendance: Christmas 576; Weekend 306:

Adults: \$5,711.00

Special: \$1,021.71

Dollar: \$185.00

Online: \$426.00

Loose: \$1,477.50

Votive: \$48.00

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Dec. 25-26, 2021

Attendance: Christmas: 825; Weekend: 306

Adults: \$25,323.81

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Memorial: \$1,250.00

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